

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22, the paragraph beginning with "The present invention", with the following amended paragraph:

-- The present invention will now be described by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a prior art telecommunications network; and

figure 2 is a schematic diagram of a telecommunications network according to an embodiment of the present invention. --